Issue 19. The Corner

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INT. HALL CORNER - NIGHT

Johnny GRABS HORS D'OEUVRES FROM WAITERS' TRAYS. AS HE TRIES TO REACH FOR A TRAY THAT IS PASSING HIM BY,

Panel 2

ANOTHER WAITER BUMPS INTO HIM, KNOCKING JOHNNY THROUGH THE KITCHEN DOORS.

Panel 3

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Johnny SMACKS UP AGAINST THE WALL OF THE KITCHEN. HE SPOTS A CHEF USING A SHARP KNIFE TO FILET SALMON.

Panel 4

JOHNNY GETS A TWINKLE IN HIS EYE. THE CHEF NOTICES JOHNNY.

KRAMER

Howdy.

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INT. MAIN HALL - NIGHT

A SPEAKER STANDS AT THE LECTERN.

SPEAKER

While we mourn the loss of countless lives, we celebrate the very best in humanity that this event has brought to the forefront. Please welcome our first hero - Benjamin Grimm!

Panel 2

APPLAUSE AS Ben STANDS FROM THE TABLE. HE KISSES RACHEL,

Panel 3

WALKS TO THE LECTERN, AND HUGS THE SPEAKER.

Panel 4

Johnny SLIDES INTO Ben’S SEAT AT THE TABLE. HE SHOWS REEd THE KNIFE.

Johnny

Lookie what I found.

Reed

Where’d you get that?

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Johnny

One of the cooks. I told him I’d get Ben to autograph his apron. This oughta give the old Mastuyama a run for it’s dinero!

Panel 2

BEN
(at the lectern)

Thank you, thank you. I probably don’t deserve to be standing here tonight...

Panel 3

Johnny PULLS A MANILA ENVELOPE FROM HIS JACKET POCKET.

Johnny

I brought one of the misfits along. How bout a test drive?

Reed

Johnny, put it away.

Johnny

I wonder what's in the mail today!

Panel 4

JOHNNY SLICES THE TOP OF THE ENVELOPE. A BURST OF WHITE POWDER COVERS HIS FACE. HE **COUGHS**. Reed IS ALSO ENGULFED.

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Reed

WHAT IS IT?! GET IT AWAY!

Reed LEAPS FROM THE TABLE.

Panel 2

Ben

But if you say I'm a hero, well -

Panel 3

JERRY BLINDLY STUMBLES ONTO THE STAGE, BRUSHING HIMSELF.

Reed

GET IT OFF! GET IT OFF!

JERRY BUMPS INTO GEORGE, GETTING DUST IN HIS FACE. GEORGE SNIVELS

Panel 4

AND LET'S OUT A **GIANT SNEEZE**.

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AT THE SURVIVORS TABLE, ALL EYES GO WIDE. SOME DROP FORKS.

Panel 2

FEMALE SURVIVOR

That's not the sneeze of the man that

saved us.
(leaping up and pointing)

BEN GRIMM IS AN IMPOSTER!

Panel 3

SURVIVORS STORM THE STAGE, COMING AFTER THE DUSTY BEN.

BEN

NO! NO!

Panel 4

ADAM LOOKS ON SHOCKED.

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SUE TAKES ANOTHER BIG SIP OF WINE

Panel 2

AND REMOVES HER RING,

Panel 3

PLACING IT IN FRONT OF Adam.

Sue

So maybe it wasn't exactly *FATE*...

FADE OUT.

END OF EPISODE